

Intelligence Research and Development Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Executive Director, IR&D Council

SUBJECT: A New Chairman

1. Dr. Richard D. DeLauer has been nominated by the President to become Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. Since its inception in 1973, the Intelligence Research and Development Council has been chaired by the Undersecretary for Research and Engineering under an agreement between the DCI and the Secretary of Defense. I have been informed by Col. Paul Kaminski, special assistant to the Undersecretary, that Dr. DeLauer is aware of the IR&D Council and will, within a few weeks of his confirmation, be ready to focus on the duties of the Council Chairman. I need your guidance regarding continuance of this arrangement.

2. The designation of the Defense Undersecretary for R&E as Council Chairman has provided, through the years, a window between Defense and non-Defense NFIP components, permitting a better understanding of individual research and development programs. This mechanism also provides for technical interchange and coordinated advice to the DCI and the Secretary of Defense on R&D matters. As [] points out in the attached memorandum, he and others who have served on the Council, have found it to be a useful coordinating mechanism.

3. If you wish to continue the arrangement, when Dr. DeLauer is ready, I will meet with him, go over the background of the Council, and extend your invitation to become Chairman. If he agrees, I suggest that I draft a letter for your signature to the Secretary of Defense, officially requesting that Dr. DeLauer be named Council Chairman. With the Secretary's approval, I will arrange a meeting between you and Dr. DeLauer to discuss what activities you would like the Council to undertake in the future.

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25X1 4. Under the past Chairman, Dr. William J. Perry, the Council concentrated on finding emerging technologies such as Fiber Optic Sensors, Very High Speed Integrated Circuits, etc., primarily within Defense, where technologic transfers may be possible for the Intelligence Community. In my initial discussion with the new Chairman, I propose that I continue this theme but also indicate that you may, at certain times, ask the Council to perform certain specific tasks to provide guidance in research and development matters.

25X1 5. In anticipation of a new Chairman, I have asked the Council members to indicate areas of research for the late 1980s where they believe emerging technologies may have the greatest impact on their programs. I will prepare a list for your information which might be used in a discussion with the new Council Chairman.

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